



See You
Next Year!



BRIGHTENING UP THE LANDSCAPE - Snowmen, Santa and his reindeer, candles and candy canes make a cheery scene at Armand and Yvette Houle's 54th Street home. The colorful figures, plus the brightly colored lights which add to the display come nightfall, caught the judges' eyes in the Chamber of Commerce Decorating and Lighting Contest, and earned the Houles first prize in the Residential category.

Bright for Christmas

Santa surely had no trouble finding Elk Point this year. Houses on virtually every street were decorated and gleaming with rows and rows of brightly colored lights. In fact, the festive array was so extensive that the Chamber's crew of Christmas Lighting and Decorating judges had an extremely difficult time determining the winners in the Residential category. No less than fifteen finalists were eventually voted on to determine the winners for that division.

The winners are as follows:

RESIDENTIAL

Armand and Yvette Houle decked their 54 Street home with Santa and his Reindeer, snowmen, candles and other special effects, to become first place winners. Diane (Watson) and Len Cole brightened the season on 51 Avenue with a

whole lawn full of display, from Santa and a snowman holding a 'Season's Greetings' banner, to a star-topped manger scene, all in the flood-lights, for second place. Russ and Terry Hebblethwaite's large home across from the library glitters through the trees with lights on roof lines, porch rail and shrubbery, plus a decorated tree, to tie for third with Elizabeth Didow, who had a smaller but extremely attractive display with blue lights at her Circle Drive home.

Honorable Mentions went to Rick and Brenda Patroch, Tony and Yvette Bochon and Bill and Adella Jennissen.

APARTMENTS

Elmer McMillan and Christine Bintz have Santa taking off from their South Apartments balcony, under a glittering Christmas tree of

lights, plus lights around their other windows for first place. In the other building, Shauna Kinjerski spelled out 'XMAS' in blue lights for second, while Hilbert and Marie Bintz, with their attractive display, were third. Honorable Mentions went to Robert Dostie, Debbie Goertzen and John Jubinville.

INSTITUTIONS

Heritage Lodge is once again outlined in lights, with lighted trees its sparkling accessories. The committee had no problem in determining this as the first prize winner in the category. Both Fort George Manor and Buckingham House are also prettied up for the season, and a tie for second place was declared between the two.

The Business category judges have not yet announced their winner, please watch for this next week.

Town proclaims year of the family

Mayor Ed Buck has proclaimed 1994 as the International Year of the Family in Elk Point. A delegation consisting of Interagency Committee Chairman Jim MacLellan, Community Services Director Terri Ehlert, County of St. Paul FCSS Director Linette Newby, County FCSS Board member Joanne Hutton and County Councillor Bob Smith attended the final Town Council meeting of 1993 last week to witness the signing of the proclamation. The committee, which is spearheading plans for awareness and activities for the coming year, will meet early in the New Year to continue their deliberations.

Bryan Campbell, representing a number of residents in the north subdivision, asked Council for permission to flood an area in the playground in that district as a

skating rink for small children. Campbell's group was given the go-ahead, provided they take care of flooding and cleaning the rink.

Charlotte Verem-Sanders was reappointed to the Community Services Board.

The resignation of Morris Cooper from the Library Board was accepted with regret.

The new Business Licence Bylaw was given its third and final reading.

A letter was received from Municipal Affairs Assessment Branch with a further explanation of their current value assessment program. Council moved to inquire when a decision must be reached on whether or not to participate.

Also regarding assessment, results of United Grain Growers province-wide appeal have been received by

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LIONS CHRISTMAS CARD WINNER - Jerry Kopeck presents Lions Community Christmas Card draw winner Laurie Keichinger with a huge fruit basket. The Keichingers were among many residents and businesses who expressed their holiday wishes via the community card.

New Year's Greetings To One & All

What's Happening at Community Services

New Year's resolutions

This New Year, try something new. Instead of worrying about your bad habits, decide to take good care of yourself every day. Try these:

1. Make some time for yourself. Have a long bath, or relax with a hot drink and a friend. Go for a walk by yourself, or go to bed early.

2. Don't skip meals, get enough sleep and try to exercise at least three times a week.

3. Remember, you are not alone. Keep in touch with your friends. Ask for help if you need it.

4. Focus on the good things about yourself, and tell yourself about these good things. Don't repeat put-downs others have said to you. Be your best friend.

This year, notice something great about yourself every day.

(Source: Participaction)

CHRISTMAS HOURS

The Community Services office is open from 8:30 to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. During Christmas the office will be closed on the following days: December 27,

December 28, January 3. Playschool and Parent Nursery will enjoy a break for the holidays and will resume their programs on January 11, 1994.

SWIMMING POOL SCHEDULES AVAILABLE FOR CHRISTMAS AND WINTER / SPRING

Elk Point Community Services now has available the Christmas and Winter / Spring swimming schedule. For more information, please contact the office at 724-3800 or stop by to pick up your copy.

TIDBITS

Happiness is a conscious

choice, not an automatic response.

- Mildred Barthel

Children are likely to live up to what you believe of them.

- Lady Bird Johnson

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- Doris Mortman

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Friday, December 31, 1994

Heinsburg Hall -- 9:00 p.m.

Supper and Novelties at Midnight

Music -- Moose Mountain

Admission -- \$30.00 per couple

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Elk Point & District Lions' Club

1994 Birthday Calendar

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Friday, December 31	10-5

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Christmas in concert

Tuesday's ECS, Grade 1, Grade 3 and Grade 5 Concert at Elk Point Elementary School featured a festive parade of crowd pleasing numbers involving everything from manger scenes and Christmas trees to music and messages of peace and love. MCs were Tanya Pankiw and Darcy Stafford.

Miss Ockerman's Tuesday - Thursday ECS Class formed a chorus who sang an action song as four fine snowmen came to join the Christmas tree basking in the winter sun, only to melt, topple over and roll away before coming back for the grand finale of the song.

A humble manger containing a miraculous Baby was visited by angels, shepherds and gift-bearing wise men, in Mrs. Wozniak's Grade 1C presentation, Star of Bethlehem, which concluded with a verse fitting in each letter of the title.

The Christmas tree cutters have left a single, small pine feeling very lonesome and unwanted, in the Grade 3A presentation by Mrs. Tkachuk's students of "What Do I

Have To Give?" The animals of the forest claim the tree for their own, but disagree over how it should be decorated. Still, each brings something, except the skunk, whose offerings are all rejected. All he can give the tree is his love - and it is that gift which makes the tree glow, lighting up the forest night with glory.

It takes a lot of "Christmas Decorations" to make a fine looking tree, Mrs. Spitzer's Grade 1Bs have found. Candy canes, candles, a star on top and a strong trunk beneath all go in to making a decoration fit to sing about.

Speaking of singing, the combined Grade 5 music classes, under the direction of Mr. Buryn, were on hand to perform "The Little Drummer Boy" and "Christmas Forever More."

Have you ever heard of anyone writing to tell Santa NOT to come? The generous children of Elk Point did, in Mr. Hyman's Grade 3B Class presentation of "Dear Santa...Please Don't Come Yet." Their message to the harried man at the North Pole was that the less fortunate

children in other countries needed his help much, much more, so he sent out a message of his own, asking all the grandparents, aunts and uncles to fill in as gift-givers while he and the elves deliver books and learning, the essentials of good health, and the elements of peace to the other countries of the world.

Top-hatted snowmen, frosty icicles, the lightest of snowflakes and happy children enjoying a snowball fight were all a part of Miss Yarmuch's Grade 1A "Wintery Snow Show."

The year's top movie hits always seem to find a way into the concert, and this year was no exception. The Adams Family is, well, different, and it shouldn't surprise us to find that their Christmas is, too, with a cobweb and spider-draped tree, kids who cut holes in other kids' Christmas stockings, and a Grandma and Uncle Fester who wanted wrecked trains, rotten potatoes and headless dolls for Christmas when they were young. Why, Grandma and Uncle Fester even told the

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YOU CAN'T DO THIS! - Santa tells the Adams kids, who have kidnapped him to prevent the carrying on of the usual Christmas traditions by Mr. Bilak's 5B students.

Happy New Year

A.G. Ross Operating Committee

Would like to announce the

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For the Holiday Season

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* Tuesday, January 4, 1994 ** Thursday, January 6, 1994

** Friday, January 7, 1994 **

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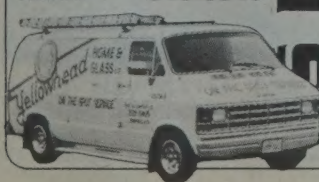
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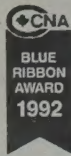
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Editorial

Happy new year

It is a tradition that the Lieutenant Governor greet all Albertans and wish them a Happy New Year. It is one of many traditions that occur during the festive season and one that I am most happy to observe.

This New Year 1994 has been declared the International Year of the Family by the United Nations General Assembly. Canadians have always had strong family ties, and all the trappings and traditions that make each family unique. We all have special rituals that we observe as families, whether it be a special food, the way we decorate for Christmas, a yearly reunion, or how we celebrate holidays. In today's turbulent times, the United Nations has recognized the need for strong family values and bonds to help curb the restlessness that seems to permeate all the countries of this world. The tough economic times that we are experiencing bring with them an apprehension about the future. There will be many challenges ahead for ourselves and our children. This is the right time to direct our energies to maintaining and promoting family activities and renewing those ties which have been lost in past years.

At this time, I would ask you to remember and pray for our military personnel and their families who have had to forego family traditions this year while they are on peacekeeping assignments throughout the world. We pray for them to have a safe and speedy return to their families.

My wife Doris joins me in wishing all of you a New Year filled with hope and the promise of a brighter future.

Gordon Towers
Lieutenant Governor of Alberta



A ROCKIN' LITTLE CHRISTMAS - Elvis songs and rock'n'rolling reindeer brightened Wednesday's concert for Mrs. Boothman's Grade 2As.



SINGERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT - The combined Grade 4 music classes raised their voices in song at Wednesday's Elementary School concert. Story on Page 6.



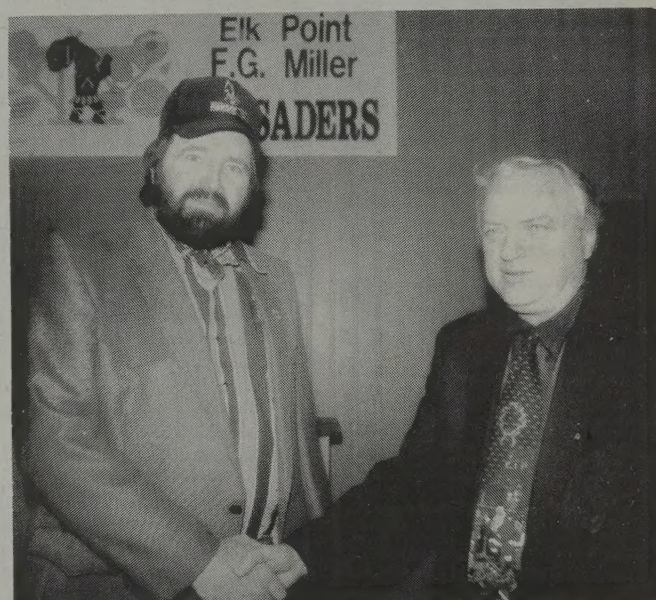
CHRISTMAS AT PARENT NURSERY - Cheryl Dzerdz stands in for Santa's elf as the little tots get a closer look at the jolly fellow in the red suit, at Wednesday's Christmas party.

Teachers host annual brunch

The teachers and staff of F. G. Miller High School hosted students, bus drivers and special guests at their annual pre-Christmas Brunch last Thursday.

Pastor John McGregor asked the blessing on the fine meal, while Mayor Ed Buck brought greetings on behalf of the Town. County Councillor and School Board Trustee Ray Danyluk also brought greetings, and expressed a wish that everyone would wake up Christmas morning and find that Premier Ralph Klein's educational cutbacks were all a bad dream.

Other guests in attendance included Superintendent of Schools Ted Cabaj, Legion representatives Helen and Joe Moneta, and onetime FGM Principal Sid Holthe and Mrs. Holthe.



TWENTY FIVE YEARS OF TEACHING APPLAUDED - School Board trustee Ray Danyluk congratulates Ron Onusko on reaching a quarter century in the classroom. Onusko is also the organizer of the annual Christmas Brunch, which has been enjoyed for the past 17 years.

What's News at the Library

Ho! Ho! Ho! Wasn't that a party?

A record forty two excited children met Santa Claus on Friday December 17 at the preschool Storytime Christmas Party in the library. We would like to thank the following moms who brought the

goodies to eat and the moms who read stories and sang songs: Cheryl Dzerdz, Virginia Millar, Juanita Buck, Linda Hymanyk, Debbie Buryn and Sonya Yarmuch. A **BIG THANK YOU** to that

jolly old fellow, Santa, for bringing joy to all the boys and girls.

A thought for the New Year: have you ever wondered about the date of New Year and where the song **Auld**

Lang Syne originated from? Regarding the date of New Year's, during the Middle Ages, most European countries used March 12, a Christian holiday called Annunciation Day, to start the year. By 1600, many Western nations had adopted a revised calendar called the Gregorian calendar. This calendar, the one used today, restored January 1 as New Year's Day. Great Britain and its colonies in America adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1752. Many people celebrated the new year on dates established by their religion. For example, the Jewish New Year, a solemn occasion called Rosh Ha-Shanah, is observed during September or early October. Hindus in different parts of India celebrate the new year on various dates. Muslims use a calendar that has 354 days in most years. As a result, the Muslim New Year falls on different dates from year to year on the Gregorian calendar.

Auld Lang Syne: (AWLD Lang SYNk) in Scottish dialect means old long since, or days gone by. These words

are the title of a song loved by all English-speaking people. Robert Burns said that he took down the words as he heard an old man sing them, but Burns is usually given credit for writing them. The song is sung to an old Scottish melody. It is a tradition that the song is sung at most New Year's Eve gatherings.

Happy New Year to one and all!

Pioneer Circle bingo

December 20, 1993

Pauline Pankiw \$15, Bruce Paul \$15, Stanley Jendruck \$30, Dan Demchuk \$30, Virginia Smereka \$30, Mike Stuparyk \$30, Margaret Scheer \$30, Mary Bugea \$15, Marie Watchmaker \$15, Bob Whelen \$15, Virginia Smereka \$15, Marie Watchmaker \$30, Mary Vogel \$30, Anne Buck \$30, Christina Brown \$30, Mike Stuparyk \$8, Virginia Smereka \$8, Harry Shankowski \$8, Joe Yarmuch \$8, Virginia Smereka \$30, George Jacobson \$30, Anne Buck \$40, Anne Buck \$66, Elsie Oryshchuk \$9, Minnie Moneta \$9, Shelley May \$9, Tillie Shymkiw \$25, Olga Melnyk \$25, Zelmia Krucik \$100, Mike Stuparyk \$19, Lynn Boyko \$19, Jack White \$38, Caroline

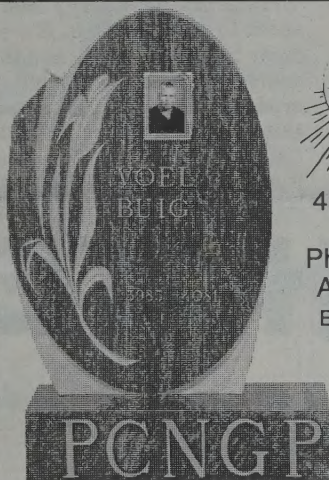
Shankowski \$38, Ernest John \$38, Christine Bintz \$38.



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The Elk Point Legion now meets on the 2nd Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Seniors' Centre.

Elk Point Auto Club - meets at the Empress Restaurant, Elk Point, the 2nd Wednesday of each month. More information call: Ed Smith at 724-2527.

Elk Point Oillettes regular meeting is the first Thursday of the month. For more information, call Fay at 724-2036.

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The Elk Point Support Group - meets on the 1st and 3rd Mon. of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Elk Point Municipal Hospital, Rm. 604. More info: 724-2203 or 724-2380.

La Leche League meets every second Thursday of the month in the North Eastern Health Unit at 7:00 p.m. Contact 724-4491.

Church Services

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Wednesday - 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Saturday - 9 a.m. to 12 noon

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Christmas concert II

Unlike the sequels to some hit movies, the second edition of Elk Point Elementary School's 1993 Christmas Concert was every bit as good as the first. Carissa Maksymec and Peter Danyluk, as MCs, led the audience through a program of fun, fantasy and faith as the ECS and Grades 2, 4 and 6 presented their Christmas gift to the community.

This time, it was the Monday and Wednesday group of Miss Ockerman's ECS tykes who took to the stage for their highly entertaining story about the creation of four snowmen.

"Grandma's Christmas" wasn't going all that well, Mrs. Conrad's 2Bs said. What Grandma likes best is to bake and entertain, and with all her friends gone south for the winter, it's just not the same. The Christmas fairies couldn't bear to see Grandma sad, so they waved their wands and gingerbread men came to life, Polly came to Put The Kettle On, Jack and Jill stopped by, Jack Be Nimble brought his candle to light up the party and Little Boy Blue his horn for the music, while the Three Little Kittens and Old King Cole added to the merriment.

"Santa Claus Is Coming To Town," The Grade 4 Music Classes assured the audience. But maybe he's already here - their second number was "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus."

Sometimes the night before becomes "The Nightmare Before Christmas." Why on earth does Mrs. Santa's sister have to have twins just before Christmas, and take her away from where she's really needed? Santa may be a great guy, but he's no great shakes at baking, washing and ironing - or fixing computers, for that matter. Fortunately, Mrs. Claus made it back just in time to straighten everything out, in this play by Mr. Sereda's Grade 6Bs.

A beautiful tableau of "The Nativity Scene," with a chorus of eleven carolers and three narrators telling the story of the Holy birth, the coming of shepherds and wise men, was portrayed by Miss Kaczynski's Grade 4A class.

Mr. Bury's Grade 6 music classes really outdid themselves with special effects, tossing 'snowballs' at each other at the conclusion of "The First Snowball Of The Season," and bringing forth everything from three tacky

slippers to five Elvis 8-tracks in their special version of "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

Speaking of Elvis, he was glimpsed, much smaller than usual, on stage in Mrs. Boothman's Grade 2A class' "Rockin' Christmas," as part of the band playing "Reindeer Barn Rock." That was after a young lady asked Santa for a "Teddy Bear," (later, after receiving it, asking it to "Love Me Tender"), and before Santa and his Mrs. started to "Rock Around The Clock." Quite a way to liven up the holiday season!

Santa sure gets in some interesting scrapes! Mrs. Richard's Grade 4Bs had him playing the bass fiddle - but rather than music, it produced a buzzing sound. And not only that, the mule he got to pull the sleigh while the reindeer were on vacation got stuck in the snow and went on a sit-down strike. A cat, a dog, a rabbit, a tiger and even two of the reindeer endeavored to assist, but to no avail. The solution to both questions came at once - a hibernating bee flew out of the fiddle and stung the mule on the rump. Santa got to Elk Point in lots of time to play at the Christ-



THERE GOES THE NEIGHBORHOOD! Oil drilling is coming to the North Pole, the rig foreman tells Santa in Mr. Meger's Grade 6A production.

mas ball, and all the animals came along to dance.

Mrs. Bintz's Grade 6Cs wanted something different for their Christmas concert. Their teacher, Mr. Hurlbut, had some old fashioned idea about a little Christmas tree or something, but that was just too boring for words. Instead, they combined an original poem and a song, "Santa Looks A Lot Like Daddy," to take the concert in a fresh new direction.

Oh, NO! The oil industry is creeping up on the North Pole, and the Ministers of Environment and Energy don't seem to want to help. It's so noisy from the drilling and the reindeer think the smell of crude oil spoils their appetites, so Mr. Meger's Grade 6A elves pack up bag and

sleigh and make a big move - to the SOUTH Pole. It's

sunny day and night at Christmas time down there, and the reindeer forget to come home in time to make their worldwide journey. Santa substitutes, would you believe, PENGUINS? but they head straight for the water and Santa almost drowns before he gets them turned around. The reindeer do show up at the last minute, and Christmas proceeds as usual.

Principal Don Conrad applauded this group of students and staff, as well as those involved Tuesday, for their "total team effort" which went into the concert, and again thanked the parents and audience for their part in its success.

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kids the truth about Santa Claus - there IS one! The kids succeed in kidnapping the old gent, but his elves find and release him and explain why Christmas can't be like that. "The Adams Family Christmas Values" was brought to us by Mr. Bilak's Grade 5B students.

Just what is a Christmas tree, anyway? That's what a little tree growing at Brown's Christmas Tree Farm is wondering. The geese who wander through the trees don't know, because they fly south in the winter, and the squirrels don't know, because they are fast asleep when Christmas comes. The dove who comes to nest in his branches and raise her young there tells him that Christmas trees are cut down and decorated, then thrown away, but that he doesn't need to worry, because he has a crooked trunk from protecting her nest. True to her word, the

"Crooked Christmas Tree" was left behind when the others were cut and hauled away, in this number by Mrs. Bilak's Grade 3Cs. He wasn't quite as lonesome in the spring, when he was dug up and moved to a new home on someone's lawn, surrounded by big trees with leaves instead of needles. When the leaves were gone, he was the finest tree to be seen, and his new family decorated him to look even more beautiful. The dove paid him a Christmas visit and told him that his beauty was his reward for his kindness to her family.

Principal Don Conrad thanked all involved in the planning and delivery of the concert. He also acknowledged the contribution of the Parent Advisory Council, who are responsible for the beautiful new stage curtains and back curtains and the stage lighting, as well as having completed and planted trees in the playground and purchas-

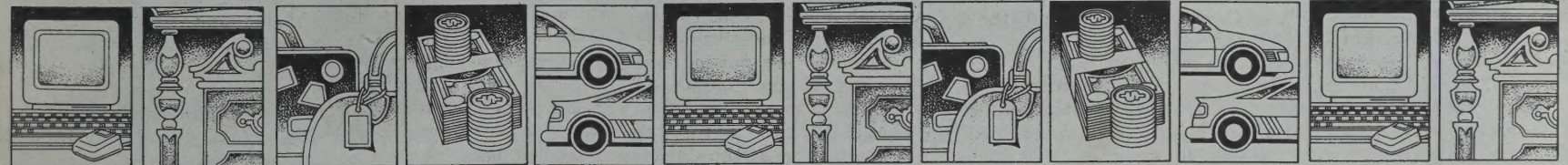
ing a deepfreeze for the hot lunch program this year.

"Will We Ever Be Ready?" Mom and Dad Jackson despaired in Ms Capjack's Grade 5A performance, as Christmas eve approached, and they still had the tree to decorate, gifts to wrap, company to pick up at the bus depot and the turkey stuffing to prepare when they left for Dad's company party on Christmas eve. The kids stepped in to help, and hinder, and the fire department had already left after extinguishing the stuffing and rescuing the youngest child off the roof where he was watching for Santa, by the time they came home to announce that Dad's big promotion. As everyone pitched in to finish the preparations, carolers came to the door and noted "It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas."

Winners of the ECS Draw were Debbie Orr, Brenda Patroch and Orest Boyko.



SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE - Mrs. Spitzer's Grade 1B students formed a glittering Christmas tree to accompany their song about "Christmas Decorations."



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